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Sir:

This is a Fourth Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 within the time specified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is notified of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

Further, U.S. Patent 6,202,052, which is submitted herewith as document A11 and to which this application claims priority, is currently the subject of litigation in the U.S. District Court of Delaware, Simplification, LLC v. Block Financial Corp., Civil Action No 03-335 (JJF), which was filed on April 8, 2003. The Office is aware of this litigation, having been informed by the Delaware District Court, which sent a report to the Office on the date that the suit was filed.

Moreover, a Request for Ex Parte Reexamination for U.S. Patent No. 6,202,052 was filed on July 11, 2003 and assigned Reexam Control No. 90/006,713. Documents D1-D11 and E1-E5 listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are newly cited in the Request for Ex Parte

Reexamination. A copy of the Request for Ex Parte Reexamination is submitted herewith.

During litigation of U.S. Patent No. 6,202,052, in the Defendant's Block Financial Corporation's Answers to Plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories, filed August 26, 2003, the defendant newly identified documents A4, C1, and C2 listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Defendant's Block Financial Corporation's Answers to Plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories is submitted herewith.

In addition, U.S. Patent No. 6,697,787, which is submitted herewith as document A15, is currently the subject of litigation in the U.S. District Court of Delaware, Simplification, LLC v. Block Financial Corp., Civil Action No. 04-0114 (JJF), which was filed on February 24, 2004. Again, the Office is, of course, aware of this matter, as having been informed by the Delaware District Court, which sent a report to the Office on the date that the suit was filed.

During the litigation of U.S. Patent No. 6,697,787, the defendant alleged inequitable conduct during prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 6,697,787 in the Answers and Counterclaims filed March 15, 2004. Moreover, in the Answers and Counterclaims, the defendant newly identified document A3 listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Answers and Counterclaims is submitted herewith.

Moreover, a Request for Ex Parte Reexamination for U.S. Patent No. 6,697,787 was filed on March 15, 2004 and assigned Reexam Control No. 90/006,969. Documents A5 and B1 listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are newly cited in the Request for Ex Parte Reexamination. A copy of the Request for Ex Parte Reexamination is submitted herewith.

Finally, during the prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 6,697,787, documents A1 and C7-C10 were cited by the Examiner.

In view of the above, no further translation or statement of relevance is required, and as

all requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and all official guidelines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, it is therefore respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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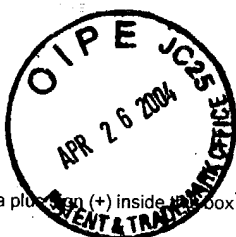
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